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PROPOSED SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MS Amendment
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Dear Sir:

Applicants submit herewith a Proposed Second Preliminary Amendment to address concerns raised in a telephone conversation with the Examiner regarding the subject matter of claim 19 and some of its dependent claims. As understood by applicants, the wording "allelic variant" in claim 19 is considered new matter and the description appears most supportive of production of the claimed bovine growth hormone (BGH) in *E. coli*. The following amendment is responsive.